

HURRICANES

Atlantic Hurricane Names

2004

Alex
Bonnie
Charley
Danielle

Earl
Frances
Gaston
Hermine

Ivan
Jeanne
Karl
Lisa

Matthew
Nicole
Otto
Paula

Richard
Shary
Tomas
Virginie
Walter

2005

Arlene
Bret
Cindy
Dennis

Emily
Franklin
Gert
Harvey

Irene
Jose
Katrina
Lee

Maria
Nate
Ophelia
Philippe

Rita
Stan
Tammy
Vince
Wilma

2006

Alberto
Beryl
Chris
Debby

Ernesto
Florence
Gordon
Helene

Isaac
Joyce
Kirk
Leslie

Michael
Nadine
Oscar
Patty

Rafael
Sandy
Tony
Valerie
William

Tropical Cyclones are classified as **Tropical Storms** and given names when wind speeds reach **39 miles per hour**.

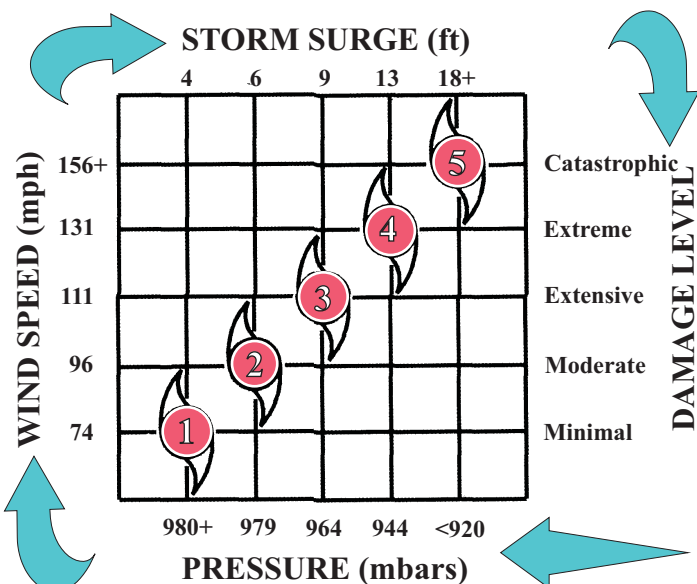
Tropical Storms become **Hurricanes** when wind speeds reach **74 miles per hour**.

The purpose of naming storms is for identification during the season. The names of particularly strong and destructive storms are retired to avoid confusion in future years with storms having the same name.



Hurricanes that do not hit our area directly can also be damaging, as was the case of Hurricane George in September of 1998.

The damage above was on the east bound lane of Highway 90 coming from Pensacola. Notice the erosion from high waves and wind. The damage below was flooding from extensive rain at the Riverwalk, Downtown Milton.



HURRICANE WATCH

Hurricane conditions pose a possible threat to you and your area within 24 to 36 hours, early evacuation may be necessary when a Watch is issued. Otherwise you should review hurricane safety procedures and make preparations. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio and commercial radio and television for the latest information and instructions for your location.

HURRICANE WARNING

Hurricane conditions are Expected in your area Within 24 hours.

Areas subject to storm surge or tides should be evacuated as well as areas which could be isolated by flood waters. Follow the instructions of local officials. You will not be asked to leave your home unless your life is threatened.